THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK) : (a) and (b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has plan for appointment of Architect/Consultant for preparing detailed plans for utilisation of vacant land at various airports of AAI, including Safdarjung Airport.

(c) As per the current master plan, this area has been indicated as Stadia, Sports Complex.

Integration of civil and military aviation facilities

4041. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to update national aeronautical policy integrating civil and military aviation facilities;

(b) if so, the present status in this regard; and

(c) what steps are being taken to update the policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) This Ministry has not formulated a National Aeronautical Policy for integrating civil and military aviation facilities. However, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had issued a Civil Aviation Requirement, which lays down the procedure for training, examination and grant of licences to the Defence personnel in the field of aircraft maintenance and operation so that they can acquire civil licences issued by DGCA while in service.

Purchase of new Aircrafts

†4042. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total numbers of aeroplanes purchased during the last five years by Government from Airbus Company and Boeing Company for Air India and Indian Airlines with year-wise details thereof;

(b) whether Government propose to buy more new aeroplanes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

†Original notice of the questions was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK) : (a) During the last five years, no aeroplane has been purchased from either Airbus Company or Boeing Company by Air India and Indian Airlines.

(b) and (c) Indian Airlines has proposed to acquire 43 new aircraft for replacement of the entire fleet of old aircraft and for capacity expansion.

Air India has also plans to acquire new aircraft in order to phase out the older aircraft, rationalize its fleet and expand capacity. The proposal is yet to be received in the Ministry for Government approval.

Air Service Between Delhi and Ranchi

4043. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any plans to connect the Jharkhand Capital Ranchi with New Delhi by a direct flight;

(b) whether there are any immediate plans for providing more air services from Jharkhand; and

(c) whether any private airlines are planning to start their services for Jharkhand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK) : (a) Indian Airlines operates a daily service on Mumbai-Delhi-Patna-Ranchi and return route. During summers, in view of high temperatures and short runway at Patna, which results in load penalty, this service has been rerouted to operate on Mumbai-Delhi-Ranchi-Patna and return route from 30th March till 31st July, 2003. Thus, a non-stop service between Ranchi and Delhi is available from 30th March to 31st July, 2003.

(b) Indian Airlines has presently no plans for providing more air services to/from Jharkhand.

(c) Airline operators are free to operate air services to any places within the country including Jharkhand depending upon the traffic demand and their commercial Judgement subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by the Government.